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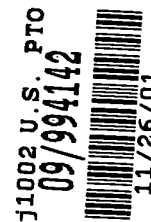
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RECHARGEABLE LITHIUM BATTERIES**  
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**Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.56**

Preliminary to the examination of this application, the applicant wishes to draw the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the attached copy of form PTO-1449. The present application is a continuation-in-part application of U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/795,235, which was filed on February 28, 2001. The present application relies upon the parent patent application for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. Furthermore, documents listed on the accompanying form PTO-1449 were disclosed to or cited by the Patent Office in the earlier U.S. application. As a result, copies of the documents cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 need not be sent to the Patent Office pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). However, applicants will furnish the Patent Office with such copies upon request.

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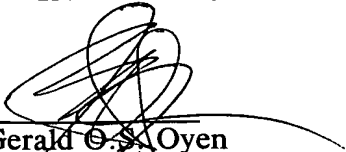
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